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## SCA to host RSVP recognition luncheon

The Senior Citizens Association will be sponsoring the Annual Retired & Senior Volunteer Program Luncheon on Thursday, March 22. Registration starts at 11:30 at the Leatherman Senior Center, 600 Senior Way, Florence.

Invitations are required, so remember to bring your invitation.

The SCA Executive Director Linda Mitchell Johnson, RSVP director Anita Whipkey, and the Advisory Council, will be honoring and recognizing RSVP

volunteers who give their time, energy, and talents to the Florence County non-profit organizations.

Every year the SCA/RSVP sponsors a recognition luncheon to honor the efforts of RSVP volunteers who have contributed at least 12 or more volunteer hours throughout the year. The RSVP mission is to match active, mobile seniors with opportunities to actively serve others who are in need of assistance in the community.

The RSVP program helps seniors by supporting a higher

quality of life, as RSVP volunteers strengthen the Florence community. In so doing, the RSVP program enhances the capabilities of other non-profit

organizations and institutions within the community.

RSVP volunteers are seniors 55 and older who give their time and talents to our community by providing a variety of services, including delivery of hot, nutritious meals to homebound seniors, serving meals at local senior nutrition centers, homeless and transitional shelters, services and support to two major hospital systems, case management, as well as many other services that are needed throughout Florence County non-profit organizations.

Currently, there are approximately 250 RSVP volunteers serving at 28 volunteer stations in Florence County. Many of these organizations depend on senior volunteers to serve those in need within our community. Anyone interested in making a difference in our community can contact Anita Whipkey, RSVP director, at 669-6761.

The keynote speaker will be Marianne Frederick. Marianne

has her masters in health services administration and her bachelors of science degree in physical therapy. She now laughingly describes her MHSA as her "Masters in Humorously Sharing Anecdotes."

She's active in the American Business Woman's Association, Business and Professional Women, National Speaker's Association, and National Storytellers Network.

Marianne "feeds the spirit of organizations" with her energy boosting, stress-busting, and brain-building learning experiences. She is nationally recognized as the "Hat Lady." She facilitates powerful networking sessions that build relationships.

This year's event promises to be filled with entertainment and amusement.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Leatherman Senior Center at 669-6761.